

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
2 NAVY ANNEX
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20370-5100

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Docket No: 5015-00 5 December 2000





This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to the provisions of title 10 of the United States Code, section 1552.

A three-member panel of the Board for Correction of Naval Records, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 7 November 2000. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion furnished by BUPERS memorandum 1780 PERS 604 of 3 October 2000, a copy of which is attached.

After careful and conscientious consideration of the entire record, the Board found that the evidence submitted was insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the advisory opinion. Accordingly, your application has been denied. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request.

It is regretted that the circumstances of your case are such that favorable action cannot be taken. You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new and material evidence or other matter not previously considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

W. DEAN PFEIFFER Executive Director



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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1780 PERS-604

MEMORANDUM FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

Via: Assistant for BCNR Matters (PERS-00ZCB)

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Ref:

(a) CNPC memo 5420 PERS-00ZCB of 6 Sep 00

(b) Title 38, United States Code, Chapter 30

1. The following is provided in response to reference (a):

- a. Recommend the Board deny request to add Navy College Fund (NCF) Program guarantee as an enlistment option to his master record. Per reference (b), NCF Program is a guarantee offered only at the time of enlistment to certain recruits who agree to enlist in "critical or hard to fill" ratings, have an AFQT score of 50 or above and graduate from high school (no equivalency diploma accepted). Fiscal and/or quota constraints prevent NCF Program from being offered to every recruit, since NCF Program, unlike Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) Program, is funded solely by Navy. Because of this, NCF Program is given only at the discretion of the classifier, not the field recruiter.
- b. Enlistment Document (DD Form 4) is the only official document used to identify enlistment guarantees. A review of the annex to D Form 4 indicates on 26 July 1995 he was guaranteed Advanced Electronics Field 6 Year Obligation (6 YO), Fire Controlman School and a \$4,000 Enlistment Bonus," but not NCF Program. ET2 was re-classified 5 October 1995 and was guaranteed "Advanced Electronics Field 6 YO and Data Systems Technician School," and again, NCF Program was not guaranteed; therefore, ET2 is not entitled to receive NCF Program. ET2 Brewer signed and initialed the annex to his DD Form 4 on 26 July 1995 and the changes to his original guarantees on 5 October 1995 acknowledging he understood no other guarantees would be made to him. Additionally, at the time of ET2 enlistment, he did not have a high school diploma. This prevented the classifier from offering him NCF Program as ET2 was not eligible.
- elected to enroll in MGIB Program on 6 October 1995. The present educational assistance benefit for in-service use is limited to the actual cost of tuition and fees. When ET2 receives an Honorable discharge, he will be entitled to receive 36 months of MGIB Program benefits. The current educational benefit is \$536 per month. The monthly entitlement is adjusted yearly based on the Consumer Price Index.

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